

What is a School-Based Health Center?

School-Based Health Centers Defined

- Section 2110(c)(9) of the Social Security Act defines a school-based health center as the following:
- Is located in or near a school facility of a school district or board, or of an Indian tribe or tribal organization;
- Is organized through school, community, and health provider relationships;
- Is administered by a sponsoring authority
- Provides through health professionals primary health services and mental health services to children in accordance with State and local law, including laws relating to licensure and certification; and
- Satisfies such other requirements as a State may establish for the operation of such a clinic.

SBHC Common Characteristics

- Located in schools or on school grounds.
- Work cooperatively within the school to become an integral part of the school.
- Provide a comprehensive range of services that meet the specific physical and behavioral health needs of the young people in the community.
- Employ a multidisciplinary team of providers to care for the students: nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician assistants, social workers, physicians, alcohol and drug counselors, and other health professionals.
- Provide clinical services through a qualified health provider such as a hospital, health department, or medical practice.
- Require parents to sign written consents for their children to receive the full scope of services provided at the SBHC.
- Have an advisory board consisting of community representatives, parents, youth, and family organizations, to provide planning and oversight.

SBHC Common Sense

- Provides access to care for students without the barriers families too often face
- Provides the 'caulk' at the intersection of education and health that prevents students from falling through the cracks. (NASBHC, 2012)

AR SBHC

2010 Funded Schools

Dollarway
Fayetteville
Gurdon
Harrison
Lavaca
Lincoln
Paris
Springdale

2011 Funded Schools

Cross County
Magazine
Ouachita River

2012 Funded Schools

Jasper
Lamar
Prairie Grove

2013 Funded Schools

- Cedarville
- El Dorado
- Little Rock
- Siloam Springs
- Springdale
- Waldron
- Yellville

Funding Opportunity/Steps to Maximize Opportunity

- AR SBHC Request for Application will be released January 2014!
- Prior to applying for the ARSBHC funding a school district should have the following in place:
 - Full time RN school nurse
 - Active wellness committee
 - Administrative buy in
 - Medical and mental health partnerships
 - Community support
 - Needs assessment complete



Dr. Bryan is conducting an annual checkup and dental cleaning for 4 year old Josie Oliver. Dr. Bryan Bishop, DDS provides dental services on campus for students every Friday at the center at Magazine.

Sustainability

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Planning

- From beginning, plan for sustainability
- Identify all costs district will absorb at end of grant cycle
- Identify and analyze funds from sources for sustainability of health center (sources can include: Medicaid, ARMAC, NSLA, Title I, grants)

Medicaid Reimbursement

- Is your district maximizing Medicaid reimbursement? What is being left on the table?
- Are all reimbursable services being billed appropriately: vision/hearing, SLP/OT/PT, school-based mental health and personal care?
- Are all relevant participants signed up to participate with ARMAC? Have they been trained? Is the roster current?
- How is your Medicaid and ARMAC money being budgeted and spent?

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Arkansas Department of Education

Governor Beebe's 2009 Health Care Initiative

- Tobacco Excise Tax: Act 180 of 2009
- FY 10 \$2,000,000
- Arkansas Department of Education
- \$150,000.00 Year 1 (5 subsequent years of decreased funding each year)
- Competitive Process
- Only one center per district may be funded during funding cycle.



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SBHC Funding

May be used for:

- Building renovation
- Clinical Equipment
- Operating Expenses
- School Employed Health Center Staff
- Mandated instate and out of state travel expenses



AR SBHC Team for Technical Assistance

Available state support for SBHC planning: webinars, presentations, grant notifications, best practices.

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